Fourth report of NCF

2890. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fourth report of the National Commission on farmers has been submitted to Government, recently;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made by the Commission; and

(c) whether Government propose to undertake a suicide census of farmers and a code of conduct for contract farming and to provide the farmers all-round boost and necessary credit and marketing backup as recommended by the Commission so as to save the farmers from starvation deaths and suicides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main recommendations contained in the Fourth Report submitted by the Commission relate to establishment of a National Agricultural Biosecurity System (NABS) and Draft National Policy for Farmers.

(c) The recommendations of the Commission are under consideration of the Government.

Functioning of Aquaculture Development Authority

2891. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aquaculture Development Authority of India is not functioning at its full and peak efficiency;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of officials have refused to join this organization;

(c) if so, the details of reasons of officials refusing to join;

(d) in what manner Government will help the fish farmers of Andhra Pradesh through this new organization; and

(e) the steps proposed to ensure that officials join duty and serve the farmers immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The Coastal Aquaculture Authority has been set up